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For : VIDEO GAME APPARATUS, ITS CONTROL METHOD, VIDEO  
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## REQUEST FOR INITIALED PT0-1449 FORM

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Sir :

On July 13, 2001, Applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement, and on November 12, 2002, and July 3, 2003, Applicant filed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements in the above-captioned matter.

Applicant notes that the initialed PTO-1449 forms have never been returned.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner forward initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 13, 2001 (and the documents cited therein) and copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements filed November 12, 2002, and July 3, 2003 (and the documents cited therein), a copy of the Forms PTO-1449 filed therewith, and a copy of the respective date-stamped mailroom

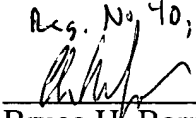
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receipts evidencing the filing of the same.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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In the matter of : VIDEO GAME APPARATUS, ITS CONTROL METHOD, VIDEO GAME PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH SUCH A PROGRAM IS RECORDED

Applicant : Hisahiko TAKEUCHI

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Examiner: M. Sager

Filed : April 13, 2001

For : FILTERING PROCESSING ON SCENE IN VIRTUAL 3-D SPACE

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the instant application on July 13, 2001, and November 12, 2002, applicant calls the following documents, which were cited in a European Search Report dated June 3, 2003, for corresponding European Patent Application No. EP 01 11 0336, to the Examiner's attention:

International Publication No. WO 99/49417, which was published on September 30, 1999 and was cited as an "X" category document; that is, it is considered to be particularly relevant if taken alone;

U.S. Patent No. 5,856,829 to GRAY, III et al., which issued on January 5, 1999 and was cited as an "A" category document; that is, it is considered to be technical background; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,157,733 to SWAIN, which issued on December 5, 2000 and was cited as an "A" category document.

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The pertinent portions of these documents are as noted on the attached copy of the European Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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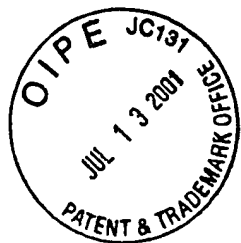


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In the matter of : VIDEO GAME APPARATUS, ITS CONTROL METHOD, VIDEO GAME PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH SUCH A PROGRAM IS RECORDED

Applicant : Hisahiko TAKEUCHI

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Group Art Unit: 3711

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97-1.98, Applicant calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 10-222694, published on August 21, 1998, along with an English language abstract of the same; and

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 11-328437, published on November 30, 1999, along with an English language abstract of the same.

Applicant notes that the above-noted documents are discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these



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documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/560,346 to TOTSUKA, entitled "Method, Program Product, And Game System For Blurring An Image", which was filed on April 28, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/559,126 to TAKEUCHI, entitled "Method, Program Product, And Game System For Blurring An Image", which was filed on April 28, 2000.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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1 English Language Abstract of JP 10-222694

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Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2000-132706, published on May 12, 2000, together with English language counterpart European Patent Application No. EP 1 056 050 A1, published on November 29, 2000.

Applicant notes that the relevance of the above-mentioned Japanese document with respect to the various claims of the Japanese application, as well as the relevant passages of this document, is as discussed in the Japanese Notice of Rejection, a copy of which is attached hereto (together with an English language translation of the same).

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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